

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 383

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION recognizing Luke Eppert for his service as a senior page for the Tennessee State Senate.

WHEREAS, each year, a number of outstanding individuals dedicate their time and energies to serve as pages for the Tennessee State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Luke Eppert is one such sterling Tennessean, who has, for the past eight years, the entire term of Mr. Speaker Ramsey, volunteered and worked on Monday evenings, and his service as a senior page throughout that time has been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Luke, who was born on May 14, 1997, and is a proud resident of Williamson County, first began serving as a page during the 105th General Assembly, when he was a fifth-grade student; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eppert attended Julia Green Elementary School before transferring to Scales Elementary School, and he attended Brentwood Middle School before matriculating to Brentwood High School, which he currently attends; and

WHEREAS, throughout high school, Luke Eppert has achieved a level of academic excellence while participating in a number of extracurricular activities and organizations, including serving on the Model UN and holding membership in the German Club, Chess Club, and Computer Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eppert has developed an interest in history and government, and his familiarity with the machinations of state government, earned through years of service as a page, will benefit this sterling young man as he pursues a degree in history and political science, after which he plans to attend law school; and

WHEREAS, Luke recently wrote a college admission essay on his experience as a page for the Tennessee Senate and his appreciation of the opportunity it has provided him to learn

about issues facing Tennesseans and to witness the dynamic action and spirited debate on the Senate floor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eppert has been present over the right shoulder of Governor Bredesen and Governor Haslam during the last eight State of the State Addresses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eppert greatly enjoyed his weekly visits with former Senator Douglas Henry on the capitol elevator; and

WHEREAS, he also garnered much knowledge during his weekly post-session Sprite and snack talks with the Clerk and other legislative compatriots; and

WHEREAS, Luke Eppert is devoted to family values of the highest order and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his parents, Mick and Christine Eppert, and his sisters, Shannon and Eleanor; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, this young man has committed himself to an unwavering dedication to excellence in the pursuit of his duties as a page for the Senate, and it is wholly fitting that we commend his service to the legislature and to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Luke Eppert for his service as a Senate page, applauding his years of dedicated service, expressing our deepest gratitude for his untiring service these past eight years, and extending our best wishes for his continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.